Report to the NRP Policy Board

FROM: Robert Thompson

DATE: March 11, 2015

SUBJECT: Phillips Community Center Pool

Action Requested:

No action requested. Informational only.

Three Phillips neighborhood organizations will present a report on their support for restoring a community pool in the Phillips Community Center, in partnership with Minneapolis Swims. The three neighborhoods are committing a combination of NRP Phase I, Phase II and CPP funds in support of restoring the currently unused swimming pool at Phillips Community Center.

East Phillips Neighborhood is committing \$50,000 of Phase I NRP funds. Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association has also committed \$50,000 through a Neighborhood Priority Plan. Ventura Village has pledge \$10,000, for a total of \$110,000.

Additional funds are coming from Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, State bonding, Hennepin County, the Park Board, Augsburg College, and others.

The support for reopening the pool is in response to the closings over time of most pools in low-income communities in Minneapolis, and a spate of recent drownings.